

Notes from meeting about Rabbani visit public diplomacy

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In general, US government will make the contacts for Es'haq, and Es'haq will pursue these contacts and take care of the substance of the visit. Henry Kriegel of the Committee for a Free Afghanistan and perhaps a volunteer male intern from NEA/P as well as perhaps a male member of the Islamic Society of North America will be working for Es'haq to arrange the details of Rabbani's schedule. Charlie Dunbar will call General Roberts to arrange for Henry Kriegel to work under Es'haq's direction, Diane Kelly will arrange for the NEA/P male intern, and Saul Gefter will look into getting help for Es'haq from the Islamic Society of North America.

Possible events

Reception hosted by Congressman Wilson in Houston on Sunday night, June 15.

Islamic center evening prayer with subsequent meeting: Zalmay Khalilzad and Es'haq will work out the details on this. Es'haq can probably make his own contact there. Security details should be worked out with DSS through Jim Manning.

Meetings with prominent members of the Washington Afghan Islamic community: Es'haq will take care of Afghan community himself, and will let Dunbar or Manning know what has been scheduled.

Lunch to be given by Senate Foreign Relations Committee on June 17, to be followed by additional events and meetings on the other side of the Hill with Humphrey et al. (arranged by Wegie Bowen)

Coffee at 1400 on June 18 to be hosted by O'Neill and House Foreign Affairs Committee. (arranged by Wegie Bowen)

Small dinner hosted by Congressman Wilson to be attended by select members of the press and Congress. (to be arranged by Wegie Bowen)

Reception given by Prince Bandar at Saudi Embassy in honor of Rabbani, to be attended by Muslim ambassadors: Diane Kelly will get in touch with Habib Shaheen of the Saudi Embassy, who will then get in touch with Es'haq.

Full-fledged studio interview of Rabbani by Radio Marti: Saul Gefter is to set this up with help of Dick Ross.

Worldnet and VOA interviews for television and radio: Saul Gefter and Dick Ross will work with Es'haq to arrange an interview for television for the "Morning Show" as well as interviews with foreign journalists. As soon as visit is confirmed and made public, cables will be sent announcing

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Rabbani's visit. Gefter and Ross will also take care of the press service and the wireless file.

Awarding of honorary degrees from universities:  
Gefter and Ross will contact Boston University and University of Nebraska at Omaha to find out whether such a ceremony would still be feasible at this late date.

Feature articles on Afghanistan and Resistance Alliance: refer to attached list of American media interested in South Asia, with particular emphasis on Georgie Ann Geyer, Cord Meyer, Frederick Kempe, James Ruppert, and William Safire.

Appearances on NPR, PBS, ABC, CBS: refer to attached list of American media interested in South Asia, with particular emphasis on George Will (whom Zalmay will call if asked), Kurt Lohbeck (who is CBS Afghanistan specialist, and whom Saul Gefter will contact), and Dan Rather (Dick Ross will call Mike Hoover, who will then contact Dan Rather).

Simultaneous translation: Dick Ross will look into preferably male translator, perhaps of Afghan origin.

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TV CONTACTS

Morning Talk Shows:

NBC "Today Show"	Margie Lehrman	885-4231
ABC "Good Morning America"	Terry Lichstein	887-7390
	Alan Margolin	(NY) (212) 580-6116
CBS "Morning News"	Jim Miller	457-4371

News Shows:

ABC "Nightline"	Tara Sonnenshine	887-7360
CBS "Nightwatch"	Heidi Berenson	775-6829
	Steve McCarthy (H) 765-8988	775-6829
	Kathy Paterno	775-6831
	Arlene Weisskopf	775-6857
CNN "Intl. News Hour"	Patrick Reap	898-7928
CNN "Crossfire"	Sol Levine	342-7900
CNN "Take 2" (Atlanta)	Elisa Free	342-7900
PBS "MacNeil-Lehrer"	Peggy Robinson (H) 667-3798	998-2811
	David Shapiro	998-2620
PBS "Capital Journal"	Ann Edwards	223-3794

Sunday Talk Shows:

ABC "This Week with Brinkley"	Veronique Rodman	887-7375
NBC "Meet the Press"	Betty Dukert	885-4598
CBS "Face the nation"	Kit Kaplan	457-4481
	Jean Edmonds	457-4481

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South Asia-interested Media (American)

Andrew Glass	Cox Newspapers	331-0900
Roy Gutman	<u>Newsday</u>	393-5630
Cord Meyer	<u>Washington Times</u>	785-8205
Walt Friedenberg	Scripps-Howard	833-9520
Henry Bradsher		351-7801
Don Oberdorfer	<u>Washington Post</u>	334-7456
Susan Waters	<u>Women's Wear Daily</u>	682-3241
Dan Southerland	<u>Christian Science Monitor</u>	785-4400
Norm Kempster	<u>Los Angeles Times</u>	293-4650
Richard Sandza	<u>Newsweek</u>	626-2052
Georgie Ann Geyer	Universal Press	333-9176
William Safire	<u>New York Times</u>	862-0300
Arnoud de Bourchegrave	<u>Washington Times</u>	636-3000
Ben Wattenburg	Newspaper Enterprise Assoc.	862-5908
Charles Krauthammer	Washington Post Writer's Group	331-7494
Jeanne Kirkpatrick	CSIS	887-0200
George Will	ABC; Washington Post Writer's Group	334-6375
Dan Rather	CBS News (NY)	457-4321
David Brinkley	ABC News	887-7777
James Ruppert	<u>Washington Post</u>	
Frederick Kempe	<u>Wall Street Journal</u>	862-9213

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South Asia-interested Media (American) (contd.)

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John Wallach	Hearst Newspapers.	298-6920
Michael Battye	<u>Reuters</u>	638-1865
Philippe Sauvagnarges	Agence France Presse	293-9380
Greg Nokes	Associated Press	828-6447
George Moffet	<u>Christian Science Monitor</u>	785-4400

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